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A PUBLIC NOTICE FOR CHILD CARE PUBLIC HEARINGS

Public Hearings scheduled for April 19th- May 5th, 2005

ATLANTA (GA) – This is a public notice of eight public hearings, to be held throughout the State of Georgia, to hear comments from the general public on the provisions of child care services as outlined in the CHILD CARE AND DEVELOPMENT FUND PLAN (State Plan for Georgia), which is required by the federal regulations.

The Division of Family and Children Services is the lead agency within the Georgia Department of Human Resources that administers the Federal Child Care and Development Fund (CCDF) and matching State Funds. The Child Care and Development Fund assists low-income families, families receiving Temporary Assistance for Needy Families (TANF), and those families transitioning from public assistance to work to obtain child care so they can work or attend training/education.

Parents, providers, employers and concerned citizens are invited and encouraged to provide input on the Child Care and Development Fund State Plan. You may request a copy of the state plan by contacting Anthony Allen at 404-657-3437. You can also view a hard copy at your local DFCS office or your regional childcare resource and referral agency.

The state plan can also be reviewed at <http://www.dfcs.dhr.georgia.gov/caps>

Representatives from the Department of Human Resources (DHR) Childcare and Parent Services Section (CAPS) will be available to receive comments from the public at each hearing. In addition, representatives from the County Department of Family and Children Services (DFCS), and Bright from the Start: Georgia Department of Early Care and Learning have also been invited to hear your comments.

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Public hearings are scheduled at the following locations throughout the State. The Atlanta, Macon and Gainesville hearings will be staffed with Spanish interpreters:

Gainesville - April 19, 2005 – 6:00 p.m. – 8:00 p.m.

Gainesville College
Dunlap/Mathis Building
Room 133
3820 Mundy Mill Rd. (Hwy. 53)
Oakwood, GA 30355
Contact: Pat Nodine (770) 718-3819

Augusta – April 21, 6:30 p.m. – 8:30 p.m.

Augusta Suites Inn
3038 Washington Road
Augusta, GA 30907
Contact: Julie Phillips (706) 736-2122

Savannah - April 28, 6:30 p.m. – 8:30 p.m.

Chatham County DFCS
761 Wheaton Street
Savannah, GA 31404
Contact: Melissa Silva (912) 262-9248

Rome - April 28, 2005 – 6:00 p.m. – 8:00 p.m.

Rome Public Library
205 Riverside Parkway
Rome, GA
Contact: Christi Breedlove (770) 387-0828

Albany - May 3, 2005 6:30 p.m. – 8:30 p.m.

Dougherty County Governmental Bldg., Rm. 100
222 Pine Avenue
Albany, GA 31701
Contact: Soraya Kimbrel (229) 430-6868

Columbus – May 4, 2005 – 6:00 p.m. – 8:00 p.m.

Columbus State University
Elizabeth Bradley Turner Center, Founder's Hall
4225 University Ave.
Columbus, GA 31907
Contact: Cindy Spann (706) 569-3109

Atlanta - May 5, 2005 – 6:30 p.m. – 8:30 p.m.

Salvation Army
2090 North Druid Hill Road, N.E.
Atlanta, GA 30329
Contact: Pam Runkle (404) 479-4200

Macon – May 5, 2005-6:30 p.m. - 8:30 p.m.
Macon State College
Building K, Auditorium
100 College Station Dr.
Macon, GA
Contact: Faye Bullard (478) 752-7800

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